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4 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

5 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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7 HELENE MARIE LEE,

Case No. 1:20-cv-00700-SKO

8 Plaintiff,

**ORDER LIFTING STAY TO PERMIT  
APPROVAL OF MOTION TO  
PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS AND  
FOR SERVICE UPON DEFENDANT**

9 v.

10 ANDREW M. SAUL,  
11 Commissioner of Social Security,

12 Defendant.  
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14 On May 15, 2020, Plaintiff Helene Marie Lee filed this action seeking judicial review of a  
15 final decision of the Commissioner of Social Security (“Commissioner”) denying her applications  
16 for disability benefits pursuant to the Social Security Act. (Doc. 1.) She also filed an application  
17 to proceed *in forma pauperis* pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915. (Doc. 5.)

18 On May 20, 2020, the Court entered an order staying proceedings in this matter pursuant to  
19 General Order No. 615 (“G.O. No. 615”). (Doc. 7.) G.O. No. 615, issued April 14, 2020, stays all  
20 Social Security actions filed after February 1, 2020, until the Commissioner may begin normal  
21 operations at the Office of Appellate Hearings Operations and may resume preparation of a certified  
22 copy of the administrative record. *See* E.D. Cal. G.O. No. 615.

23 Upon reconsideration of G.O. No. 615, the Court has determined that the General Order  
24 contemplated: (1) Plaintiff’s payment of the filing fee or adjudication of an application to proceed  
25 *in forma pauperis*; and (2) issuance of a summons and service of the complaint upon the  
26 Commissioner, despite staying the proceedings in all other regards.

27 Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that the stay in this matter shall be lifted for the limited  
28 purpose of: (1) adjudication of Plaintiff’s pending application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (Doc.

1 2); and (2) issuance of the summons by the Clerk of Court to permit service of the complaint on the  
2 Commissioner. In all other regards, the stay of proceedings in this case shall continue and will be  
3 automatically lifted when the Commissioner files the certified copy of the administrative record.

4 *See* E.D. Cal. G.O. 615 ¶¶ 6, 10.

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6 IT IS SO ORDERED.

7 Dated: September 21, 2020

/s/ Sheila K. Oberto  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE